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ROUNDTABLE

THURSDAY, February 7 ----- Clubrooms, 1475 Broadway
From 5:30 to 7:30 PM ----- Members and Guests: Free

AMERICANS EXTEND HAND TO WEST GERMANS

A discussion of some of the vital problems which are bringing West Germany into effective collaboration with the U.S.: closer press and radio as well as cultural relations; effectiveness of our common front to the East.

Guest speaker is WALTER GONG, Press Attache of the German Diplomatic Mission, shortly to be-
the Embassy. Mr. Gong is best known as a newspaper correspondent of some 20 years standing,
representing Swiss papers during Hitler and interned with American correspondents. In the post-
war period he was Editor-in-Chief of the Nordsee Zeitung and the Bremernachrichten. He is
thoroughly familiar with press and radio problems on both sides of the Atlantic.

Panel members are: LISALOTTA BERGER, a head of the Association of German Students and a
leader in anti-Soviet activities from Berlin; NORBERT MUHIEN, just back from a Reader's Digest
and book assignment in Germany; Past President LOUIS LOCHNER; and writer BELLA FROMM, just back
from Berlin.

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Week ago today was a busy one for HENRY C. WOLFE. Lectured in the forenoon at New York Town Hall for the fourteenth consecutive year. Right after the question period, grabbed a taxi for the University Club where he was guest of honor and luncheon speaker. Topic was "Is Tito Ally?" ... Bulletin Special Correspondent JACOBUS TenBERGE, now on temporary duty at the armistice conference camp in Korea, scheduled to return Stateside in March ... Back in New York from his six-month assignment as director of the Office of International Information, State Department, ROBERT LaBLONDE heads for Europe this week on a business trip for Foote, Cone and Belding.

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ANDREW HECT's new book, "Prize-Winning Photography", which Fawcett Publications will launch next month, to have a first printing of 125,000 copies. HECHT completed his book just in time to accept appointment as editor of Magazine Digest, a publication he first edited several years ago ... After five and a half years in India and Southeast Asia, Chicago Tribune correspondent PERCY WOOD is now back home with his wife, Kay (who served as Bulletin correspondent there) and their pet gibbon, "Dum Dum". WOOD is now back on the political beat, writing national politics in the Midwest. "Dum Dum" has been installed at Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo where, no doubt, he may make his TV debut at some future time on Marlin Perkins' famed "Zoo Parade". The WOODS were welcomed home with a party by the Tribune's Don Starr, former foreign and war correspondent in the Pacific. Affair, according to JOHN H. "Beaver" THOMPSON, was limited to other ex-foreign correspondents ...

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 * FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT *
 * FIRED BY UNITED PRESS *
 * FOR WRITING BOOK *

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 2 -- (Special to The Bulletin) -- Press circles in Mexico are discussing the pros and cons of the firing of William Coughlin, United Press night manager in Mexico City, allegedly because he wrote a book on the press of Japan. According to those most closely associated with the situation, the story began when Coughlin, formerly UP bureau chief in San Francisco, collected material for and wrote a book on the Japanese press policy of Gen. Douglas MacArthur's occupation and its effect on Japanese newsdom.

After long, industrious work on the book -- which includes a chapter on MacArthur's relations with foreign correspondents -- Coughlin had it accepted by Pacific Press, a West Coast publisher. Thereupon, he followed a UP rule requiring that all staff correspondents submit copies of outside writing for review by the UP's New York executives. Coughlin submitted the manuscript for what he supposed would be a cursory examination and, possibly, even a word of praise for a good job and favorable publicity for UP.

Instead, he was shocked to receive a letter from UP General News Manager Earl Johnson, ordering him to withdraw the book from publication on pain of being dismissed. Johnson said the book would offend good UP clients in Japan.

Coughlin replied that he proposed to publish the book in any case, that he failed to see how it would offend any Japanese publisher. On the other hand, he suggested it was more likely to present such publishers' own sentiments. Then Coughlin got a lengthy letter from Frank Bartholomew, UP vice president in charge of West Coast and Mexico operations, advising him not to be foolish and abandon a very promising career with UP over a, frankly, unimportant book. He reminded Coughlin that he was a member of the UP team and they were counting on him to come through. In short, don't publish that book.

Bill retorted that he was going ahead. He promptly received notice that he was fired as of publication date of his book. Aside from the merits of the case, this has confronted Coughlin with various personal problems. First, while the UP must pay severance in the States, correspondents abroad enjoy no protection at all from the American Newspaper Guild. Second, UP refuses to pay his way back to San Francisco (from where he was transferred to Mexico), but offered to pay his fare only to the closer border point of Laredo, Tex. Finally, Coughlin's wife Jerry is expecting a family addition in a month or so -- to complicate matters.

At any rate, Coughlin has the courage of his convictions and is willing to accept these troubles to get his book published. Winchell plugged the book in a recent column so it could well develop into enough of an issue to hit the best-sellers. Meanwhile, OPCers in Mexico are distressed over an issue which involves, in addition to freedom of the press, lack of severance and return travel protection for correspondents serving overseas. -- (JOHN WILHELM).

At press time, The Bulletin had received no reply from the United Press to its query for comment on the above dispatch by JOHN WILHELM.

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A free two-week vacation in Italy is being offered this summer by the publishers of Nagel's Travel Guides, in collaboration with the Italian State Tourist Office. The contest, an annual affair, is open to all persons, regardless of nationality or residence.

Contestants should read the English edition of Nagel's "France", "Paris", "Italy", "Belgium" or "Holland" and write their suggestions on how these guidebooks could be improved. These suggestions should be contained in about 20 typed lines, and in addition to speaking of the guidebooks themselves, should offer suggestions on improvement of European tourism in general.

Each contestant should give the name of the place where he purchased his guidebook and, with his name, address and profession, send his suggestions to "Les Editions Nagel, S.A., 7 Rue de Savoie, Paris (6), France", and the envelope should be marked "Concours des Guides Nagel". Closing date is April 30; winners will be announced in May.

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extra sheet - (p. 16) - from circle

RED FACE DEPARTMENT: Comes this week an epistle, self-explanatory, from the Chicago Tribune's JOHN H. (Beaver) THOMPSON. "Your January 19 Bulletin had a slightly inaccurate reference to me, comparable perhaps to Mark Twain's statement that the report of his death was slightly exaggerated. The error, no doubt, stems from the fact that my newspaper's city room employs two fellows with almost the same name. The one who covers our educational beat and who pried open the Board of Education's meeting for the first time in history, is John R. Thomson. He is not a Member of the OPC. For the record, my name is JOHN H. THOMPSON. You see; a different middle initial and a P in my name. This is very confusing to everyone around here. The Tribune telephone operators solve their dilemma by asking for a THOMPSON or Thomson 'with or without'. 'With' means me and my beard. My colleague is beardless."

To red-faced Bulletin, beard-faced THOMPSON further confides that he recently returned from a two month tour of Army training camps on which he wrote 46 pieces, trying to show Trib readers what life is like in today's camps, what training is like, etc. Gen. Mark Clark, chief of Army Field Forces, and Maj. Gen. Floyd Parks, Army Information Chief, wrote fan letters on the series. Next, THOMPSON is off to California late in February when Illinois' 44th (National Guard) Division goes on active duty. From there, he heads for "Operation Longhorn" at Ft. Hood, Tex., in Mid-March.

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Story from ADRIENNE MOORE DOUGLASS of Editors Press Service, Inc., regarding the January 19 Bulletin item, is that the EPS is not a literary agency (which some callers seemed to think) but deals only with authors that have been produced; requires a minimum of 13 scripts to handle a submission, preferably a year's supply. Now needed: 15-minute radio scripts on adventure, science, fiction; no soap operas or detective items are usable now.

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CBS correspondent LARRY LESUEUR slated to speak on "International Affairs" before the Binghamton (N.Y.) Chamber of Commerce February 13 ... Guest on Dave Garroway's NBC-TV morning show recently was CORNELIUS RYAN, associate editor of Collier's, who gave his opinions on "Eisenhower" by JOHN GUNTHER, and "Douglas MacArthur" by CLARK LEE and RICHARD HENSCHER ... His publishers have dubbed "Mr. President" by WILLIAM HILLMAN as "not only the most important book we have ever published but...in fact, unique in publishing history". A major condensation of the volume will appear in the April Reader's Digest ...

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OPC MEMBERS FLEE) Chicago Daily News correspondent ERNIE HILL and his wife, Mr. and Mrs.
SHEPHEARD'S HOTEL) DONALD ROBINSON, Reader's Digest, and Mr. and Mrs. A. T. STEELE of the
IN CAIRO RIOTING) New York Herald Tribune were among those who escaped from the famed
Shepherd's Hotel when Egyptian rioters set it afire on January 26.
According to late reports, all fled the beloved Cairo hostelry without injury.



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A poll of war correspondents in Korea has disclosed that three-to-one believe there will be a cease-fire agreement by spring, according to GEORGE HERMAN, CBS Radio newsmen in Tokyo and Korea.

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JUSTICE DOUGLAS WARNS:) Associate Justice William O. Douglas of the Supreme Court told a
"WE CAN'T BUY ASIA" IN) capacity audience at Club Headquarters on January 23 that "we're
TALK BEFORE CLUB GROUP) looking disaster in the face in the East. You can win Asia with
affection, but you can't buy Asia with dollars or get it with guns
and bullets." He spoke before a jam-packed group which later heard Vice President WILLIAM P.
GRAY award him a coveted Honorary Membership in the Overseas Press Club -- a distinction that
has been voted to only 11 other recipients in Club history.

Striking at the State Department for identifying the U.S. with forces that are "against the great masses of people in these countries," Justice Douglas called for a "management revolution" in which this nation would lead elements combatting colonialism and feudalism in Asiatic areas. Present efforts to raise crop output, Justice Douglas said, only serve to increase the wealth of those remaining atop the feudal pyramid; sole way for the U.S. to succeed through Point Four, he said, is to assist people "at the village level", whereby standards of living may be increased by as much as "1 or 2 percent".

Justice Douglas particularly criticized the United States for its reception of Iranian Premier Mossadegh who, he said, was sent home "empty-handed". Douglas said the statesmen enjoyed the majority support in Iran and, by supporting him, the U.S. "would make every little goat herd in Persia love America and there is no amount of Communist propaganda that could erase it from his mind." In answer to a question, Justice Douglas denied that "our people in Washington" were responsible for sending Mossadegh home empty-handed. The fault, he said, was "Winston Churchill's."

A record number of Members and guests were on hand to welcome Justice Douglas and applaud his honorary election to the Club. Screen-writer RICHARD TREGASKIS was on hand, as were OTTO TOLISCHUS, WILFRED MAY, LEE SILVIAN, EDGAR SNOW, Maj. C. B. ORMEROD, MIKE WIONCZEK, and past presidents WYTHE WILLIAMS, LOUIS P. LOCHNER ... GUEST BOOK: The GORDON HAMILTONS, LOWEL L. BLANKFORDS, and CHARLES GILLETTS ... Publisher TED O. THACKREY, JOSEPH PETERS, NOLA LUXFORD, STERLING LORD and the DAVID ZINGGS ... RICHARD HANSER, ELMER BORSUK, BERT BRANDT, NORMA BABCOCK and KATHRYN CRAVENS ... MARTY BURSTEN's photographer obliged by snapping photos ... BRUNO SHAW, PAUL VAJDA, and veteran Member MARY HEATON VORSE ... Also, Judge N. F. ALLMAN, HELEN BUCKLER, LEON DANIEL, GRACE DONALDSON, RALPH JULES FRANTZ, MAX RODEN, Mrs. J. P. McEVOY, GEORGE PALMER, RUTH LLOYD, BETTY WASON, Mrs. HAROLD STEARNS, WILL OURSIER and LARRY BLOCHMAN, presiding over the refreshment table. Justice Douglas' "Strange Lands and Friendly People", the book prize published by Harper and Brothers, was won by Past President LOUIS P. LOCHNER.

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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FROM THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

In the light of interest expressed by a number of Members in a group accident and insurance plan as broadly announced by Secretary-Treasurer JOSEPH WURZEL in the January 5 Bulletin, the Board of Governors approved adoption of the plan in principle. Participation therein is wholly voluntary and does not involve the OPC financially. Policies will be issued by the Continental Casualty Company of Chicago directly to participating Members. Premiums also will be payable directly to Continental or their accredited representative.

Announcements and literature you will receive from Continental, WURZEL stressed, are not to be construed as the Club's urging any of its Members to enroll for the coverage if they do not want it. However, if 50 percent of the domestic Members of the Club enroll, underwriting will be waived and "uninsurables" will be eligible as well as "insurables."

The Group Life Insurance plan announced in The Bulletin is receiving further study and will be considered by the Board at its next meeting.

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